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SUBJECT: QATARI OIL MINISTER OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OPEC PRICE
COMPROMISE

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1. MARCH 1 VIENNA PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN DL QATARI OIL MINISTER
AND PRESENT OPEC PRESIDENT, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA
AL THANI, GIVEN FULL COVERAGE BY LOCAL MEDIA MAR 1 AND 2.
(ABDUL AZIZ WAS IN VIENNA ATTENDING OPEC FINANCE MINISTERS'
MEETING.)

2. MOY KOF ABDUL AZIZ'S REMARKS WERE REPEATS OF WHAT HE HAS SAID PUBLICLY OVER PAST TWO MONTHS IN COURSE OF HIS EFFORTS TO MEDIATE SINGLE PRICE COMPROMISE. HE ASSERTED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT A COMPROMISE WOULD BE REACHED BEFORE NEXT MINISTERIAL IN JULY. HE INDICATED THAT COMPROMISE FORMULA WOULD BE CLOSE TO WELL-PUBLICIZED PROPOSAL THAT ELEVEN DROP FIVE PERCENT INCREASE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1 IN RETURN FOR SAUDIS AND UAE COMING UP FROM FIVE PERCENT INCREASE. HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY HOW MUCH SAUDI/UAE INCREASE WOULD HAVE TO BE TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELEVEN, BUT INDICATED POSSIBILITY THAT ELEVEN'S FIVE PERCENT JULY 1 INCREASE WOULD BE DROPPED IF COMPROMISE REACHED BEFORE JULY 1.

3. ABDUL AZIZ COMMENTED THAT SAUDI/UAE PRICE RESTRAINT DESIGNED TO GIVE U.S. CHANCE TO COME UP WITH MID EAST SETTLEMENT. HE SAID HE HOPED U.S. WOULD SUCCEED IN ITS EFFORTS SINCE THIS COULD BE LAST CHANCE.

4. LOCAL REPORTAGE OF ABDUL AZIZ'S PRESS CONFERENCE DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDED SAUDI OIL PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, FBIS ACCOUNT ATTRIBUTES TO HIM, IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, REMARK THAT SAUDI ARABIA, AS FOUNDER OF OPEC, WOULD NOT TAKE ANY DECISION TO HARM ORGANIZATION OR "TO DUMP THE MARKET."

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